## A Remarkable Discovery.

How they say that the mollusks of seas of And the reptiles that basked on each nameless shore

Died and were buried beneath the soil.

And that, in time, the intense heat of the earth, the great pressure, and other causes too numerous to mention, turned their fat into gas and oil?

slow, yellow, some black, and some rather marky, adding on whether you observe the output at Petrolia, Canada, or in Pennsylvania, or in Egypt, or South Carolina, or at the lately-opened wells in Turkey.

ience may halt, or, at times, may go

### THE BURGLARS.

Mr. Cobblesbury came home to supper looking very grave, and sat down ed over his breast-pocket. .. What have you got in your pocket.

pa?" inquired the eldest daughter, Miss | make a peep till I call you." "Hush!" breathed Mr. Cobblesbury, as he felt in his pocket for the thirteenth time in five minutes. "Burg-

"Burghars in your pocket, pa?" cried inquisitive Marmaduke Cobblesbury,

"No, son," said Mr. Cobblesbury. gravely: "but I have \$500 which John | must go for a policeman. Spriggs paid me after banking hours to-day, and it is highly probable that our house may be visited by burglars longer.

Mr. Cobblesbury looked so solemn that the twins, aged 5, began to evince signs of indulging in their favorite Cobblesbury looked perplexed. amusement of weeping in one another's charles Simon, the eldest son, who had down to the lower roof, crawl along to the kitchen, and climb down the grape ust returned from college, became arbor," said Charles Simon. "I learn-

Frue," asserted Charles Simon.

ery well-regulated family nowa- police. must boast of a visit from burgbefore they can take their proper

Marmaduke thought it would be a chilly on the top stair. he house to eatch the burglars. What do the newspapers say?" ask-

But the principal trouble seemed The burglars will wake us fast But they might kill us first," said violent ringing of the door-bell and I read in a paper that the safest

glar would break in at every door

vincingly, "the burglars would

out stairs?" inquired Marmaduke. then pa and I could kill them in the rning as we go down to breakfast, all the burglars would get stuck on

acceptly," said Mr. Cobblesbury, orn ourselves to the teeth, and I will conceal the money in a safe place."

The family coincided with this. Mrs. Cobblesbury thought they should armament required. Both Mr. Cob-

revolvers. Marmaduke took the firetongs and an old razor and tied a leather belt around his waist. Miss Emeline procured a small package of eyes, but Mrs. Cobblesbury thought this would be cruel and her daughter compromised on black pepper, which would not be so strong. The twins wished to take the garden hose to bed with them, feeling confident that an icy stream of water would drive the intruders away. They were eventually obliged to be contented, however, with their pop-guns and a small tin pail

be done with the revolver? Mrs. Cobblesbury declared she should die of fright if the weapon were placed under the pillows, and Mr. Cobblesbury finally drew up a chair beside the bed and laid the revolver upon it.

inquired Mrs. Cobblesbury, nervously. "Certainly not," answered her husband. "The burglars would then be ease." Accordingly they turned off the gas and retired. Mr. Cobblesbury, Miss Emeline. enabled to move around with perfect vigorously, but Mrs. Cobblesbury could

"Yes, my love?" cried he, leaping the money. up; "give me the gun; I'll fix 'em!" "No, no," said Mrs. Cobblesbury.
"It isn't burglars—it's the pistol."

"What's the matter with the pistol?" spoiled it all." As Mr. Cobblesbur queried the husband, sareastically. "Is uttered these words he flourished hi

bury. turn it around quick; it may go off at any minute and blow us all to Mr. Cobblesbury reached out sleep-ily and turned the revolver around. It

Mr. Cobblesbury grasped the barrel of his revolver and felt his way cautiously upward from wigwards of the Indian

lars are here!"

Mr. Cobbleshary could not help con- of the wearer, and ribbons of all the gratulating himself afterward when he | colors of the rainbow tied at available There was no answer, but a flash of women. light in the hall attracted his attention, And it may be remarked on the subject in and Charles Simon, Marmaduke, and of the pagan Indian, as the annual That there's nothing our scientists won't Miss Emeline, all half-dressed, appear- hunt of the witches was to be under- for the main land. ed trembling on the scene.

"Where are they?" cried Charles But, in the stangy and altegether inexcusable | Simon and Marmaduke in a breath, and disease is brought on by the maley-

in a thearrical whisper. "Emeline, this is no place for you," said Charles Simon, taking the light do with the world than with these imps ing from the demand. One mill from her hand. . You know I have and elfs, was the head center of these Brunswick, Me., has hard work to keep learned everything at college, and I invocations, feasts, and fires. to the table with one hand firmly press- know all about such things. Now, you

> But the burglars may come in and chloroform us." objected Miss Emeline. "I have read of such things in the newspapers."
> "Hush!" said Mr. Cobblesbury.

"You all talk too loud." Miss Emeline vanished and was heard barricading the door. Mr. Cobblesbury then said that Marmaduke

Marmaduke objected decidedly and

"I will go," said Charles Simon. But it would never do to go downstairs among the burglars, and Mr. "I will swing myself out of the window to the lower roof, erawl along to

Accordingly Mr. Cobblesberry and to below, and he agreed to give three a set, invocatory address, both in the The division of Great Beitain in whistles when he returned with the

ed that at college.

Mr. Cobblesbury then sat down on the top stair with his revolver pointed tion in society. I learned that in below, and Marmaduke crouched beside him with the lamp. It was very

Several repetitions of this resulted in the door being opened a few inches having read any good recipe for hing burglars. Charles Simon out. Mr. Cobblesbury and Marmaaght he would write a book on the dake accordingly wrapped themselves ject as soon as he graduated at col- up in aboriginal fashion and waited. "I declare," said Mr. Cobblesbury, be how the family were to be "if Charles Simon doesn't return before long I shall go back to bed again." At this moment a tremendous racket

> loud cries in Charles Simon's voice. "I tell you I ain't a burglar," shouted Charles Simon without. "You let ground-that all men are brutes. Some

ened Marmaduke after him, ran down stairs and unlocked the door. "I am coming, my son!" yelled Mr. Cobblesbury. "Hold 'em off a minute

When the door was opened, howof inspection with a dark lantern. At laughter, the dining-room door they halted. A noise was plainly heard within. "We receptions where these "grass widows" have them," said one of the policemen, He then gave an order to the other vorcee, and said:

two policemen, and all three drew their revolvers and fired through the cause I know your husband." head policeman, but nobody seemed to phatically."

urglars were all killed, as only three shots had been fired. If there had not been a large gang of them they would been they would been a large gang of them they would wisitor. "I didn't k not have dared remain boldly in the know him long ago."

It was finally decided that all should rush in at once. The door was open- rejoinder. ed, the three policemen, Mr. Cobblesury, Charles Simon, and Marmaduke "Shall we leave the gas burning?" would not be wise to arrest Mr. Cobblesbury. Finally they marched off in

high dudgeon, just as Mrs. Cobblesbury, Miss Emeline, and the twins en-"Where are the burglars?" cried to be seen yet."

Nobody answered. not sleep. In about an hour she shook her liege lord energetically, and ad-tured him to wake up.

Cobblesbury. Everybody looked sur-prised. They had forgotten all about said:

"The burglars escaped," said Mr. weapon, and Marmaduke made a dis-I can't remember the way you laid covery. "Why, pa," said he, "there

bury, tremmlously. "Didn't you put it ingrer's broke off, too!"

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Herald. like an Indian chieftain, and stalked Oh, Samuel," eried Mrs. Cobbles- up-stairs with a dignity that caused the family to gaze after him with feelings speechless admiration. - Herbert Hall Winslow, in Chicago Mail.

Mr. Cobblesbury reached out sleepily and turned the revolver around. It
was now aimed directly toward her,
but, fortunately, Mrs. Cobblesbury
lacked the power of seeing in the darkness, and was comforted.

Several hours later, Mr. Cobblesbury
awoke from a thrilling dream in which
he had killed seven burglars singlehanded and was wading about in human gore. He awoke with a violent
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Driving Out the Witches. Screws of steel-blue smoke curled

along to the door, his heart beating in reservation in the cold, clear, frosty a most reprehensible manner. Unfor air early yesterday morning. Six tunately, as he gained the doorway, he sharp, successive reports of as many stumbled over some object and struck rifles had awakened the echoes and the floor with a shock like an amateur, the Indians a half hour earlier. The Have you heard what has recently come to earthquake. Mrs. Cobblesbury had puss.

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Of perform oil and of natural ses. door to imposte the progress of the sembled at the great council-house in nocturnal prowlers. The noise awaken- the green where the alarm was sound- tained, was a Freemason. He was reed her, and he could hear her muffled ed. Instantly the whole reservation ceived into the order at Frankfort-onvoice, from beneath the sheets, shrick- turned over on its right side, and the Main in 1841. ing: "Samuel! Samuel! the burg- bounding out of bed fires were kindled and the Indians began to deck them-"So am I," grunted Mr. Cobbles- seives in their gaudiest attire from bury, rubbing his injured foot absent- moccasin to war plume. Chiefs, mindedly with the butt of the revolver, braves, squaws, maidens, children, and on which he had maintained a desper- papooses were soon wending their convergent ways over road, street and "Have you caught them?" cried bridle path to the great council-house, Mrs. Cobblesbury. "Is it safe for me where was to be partaken the morning feast of maize, beans, and pork that "Stay where you are, and don't had seethed and simmered in washmove," said Mr. Cobblesbury, as he boilers on stoves until the food man limped into the hall, shivering with pronounced them well done. It was cold and excitement. He was not an odd spectacle. Beads, feathers, and afraid, but nevertheless began to feel buckskin made up after the nevera willingness to let the burglars depart | changing fashion-plate of the unimbate.

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Becently, an old lady who has made a study of
the subject, now says: "Mollasks is
good, meghosaurus is good, but, fur a
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the house! We are all armed to the use! We are all armed to the Squaws and maidens in blue moccasins concludes that the use of animals is teeth! Turn the night latch and run with white beads, their best dresses, out of the front door if you value your shawls, many-colored and of the brightest hues, drawn tightly over the head

> remembered having made this speech, spots, constituted the dress of the It was a great day, in the estimation taken. There is a tradition among these primitive people that sickness one brandishing a revolver and the olent influence of witches and evil his account from a bank because the ther a razor.
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> "Down-stairs," said Mr. Cobblesbury drive them out. A priest known in pass book when he made a deposit that ancient times as Kilzineake, who was "unspeakably irritating." taught that the Great Spirit had less to

According to this old tribal custom formed themselves into figures on the floor of the council-house for the dance. They beat themselves, leaped about with hideous noise and loud caterwaul. invoking the Great Spirit to cast the evil spirits out of them for the year. When this ceremony had ended a processional march was made to all the wigwams of the reservation. Priest and chiefs, who alone possess power to banish witches, were invited into the fined a citizen \$15 for some offense. "I wigwams of pagan Indians, and by won't pay it." said the man. "Will begged to be allowed to live a little strange incantations in Indian tongue the witches were driven out. Sometimes the witches make a stubborn re- pleaded the Justice, but the delinquent sistance, as was the case in the last illness of "Aunt" Cynthia Farmer, when a fire and smudge were kept up for burned as a peace offering, but all to frontier, the force having been raised no avail. As a rule only a few minutes from 40,000 to 90,000. This has been are occupied at each house or wigwam, met by a corresponding increase in the but the greater part of yesterday was French frontier forces, and the two Thave been expecting a visit from Marmaduke lowered Charles Simon Man Webster chanted the weird banishneutral zone of from twenty to 100

> Last night the climax was capped given in the English papers: by a grand powwow, that ended only when thou seest in there a hart set up, when morning dawned. A big log Then shall the English be divided into three: when morning dawned. A big log traps in all parts "Say, Em," shouted Marmaduke at wood fire was lighted on the green, The one shall go entirely into freshed; traps in all parts dances was exhausted for joy over the said was greater than that of any preexactly clear to some of his hearers.

Washington Society. A noticeable element in society this winter is the number of young dioccurred outside, which culminated in a vorcées, all of them so bright, pretty, the cause of their marital troubles. "They are murdering Ckarles," wery strict and proper people object to meeting them, and consider it subshricked Mrs. Cobblesbury from the inner room, and Mr. Cobblesbury, young girls to be brought in contact young girls to be brought in contact have quite supplanted the English in dragging the half-frozen, badly-fright with these women of unhappy experiences and refuse invitations to certain

houses where the divorces are sure to Not all of them are through the courts yet, and they are not sensitive

Cobblesbury, Charles Simon, and Mar- after a cheery ned of acquiescence,

maduke through the house on a tour the would-be widow joined in the Awkward scenes take place at some have them," said one of the policemen, assist. One innocent old lady, in calland the shut the door in a great hurry. Ing. was introduced to a pretty different the citizens of Madrid, the Queen

"O, I am so glad to meet you, bemacrow opening of the door, which was instantly closed again. "We will now go in and capture them," said the bead policement but polyely same and to the same

of course, and it was uscless to disturb when a visitor was presented who re- the devil. So he had come prepared the bodies before the coroner could be cognized the name and asked if she to frustrate the arch-fiend, and, until were related to a certain Mr. So-and- he was put out of the hall, flourished a Mr. Cobblesbury did not think the So of the same city the answer came:

These and a few other contretemps are to their kind when any outside use it at all in the holidays want four There were no burglars, but some of enemy attacks them, they have little gs in it. Egg-nogg is the word.

the dishes on the table had been shot differences among themselves that are into small fragments. The policemen sometimes interesting. At a recent were very angry, and debated whether crowded entertainment the wives of two Senators met in the crush. "Where is your husband?" asked

When the Senator brought himself up beside his wife she introduced him, tials "J. O. B." and the figures "1678" But the money is safe," said Mrs. and the number one Senator's wife,

"Well, he isn't very tall, is he? But

Go a leetle slow. Nopody can boil to shlip down at der front und let some-

MISSING LINKS.

Frances Hodgson Burnett is a mag-nificent looking woman, though dis-proportionately short and broad-shoul-

Up in Washington Territory it is said that the edelweiss, the famous flower of the Alps, is found on Mount

Franz Liszt, it is now definitely ascer-

A locomotive used as a switch-engine at Bellows Falls, Vt., is said to be the

used July 25, 1849. It is estimated that over \$500,000 has been spent in unsuccessful attempts to establish newspapers in Portland, Oregon, during the past twenty years. The Dominion government has desettlers for protecting the government telegraph line during the rebellion be fore the arrival of the troops.

Prof. Sanson, a French biologist, more economical than that of steam engines in cases where the power required does not exceed that of twenty

In Montana during the winter cow-

boys make a living by killing mount-

People living on Johnson's Island, Sandusky Bay, claim to hear the rattle of skeletons and the tramp of soldiers these winter nights, and the matter has gone so far that one family has left

lovelist from New York who withdrew There is money in wood pulp, judg-

ahead of its orders, running night and day, and pulp made there has gone to just go and get under the bed in mother's room, and don't let the twins was in due process of assimilation, mewspapers within forty-eight hours Mrs. John C. Miller of Keytesville. Mo., has a ship biscuit which it is said was brought from England in 1630.

People who have seen it, however, declare that the petrifaction bears a suspicious resemblance to a railroad restaurant sandwich of the present day. They tell a story in a Shasta, Cal. town about a justice of the peace who you pay \$10?" demanded the Justice. "By Gad, then, gimme \$5,"

There has been an enormous increase weeks around the house and dogs were of the German forces on the French consumed by the exercises. Medicine armies are now separated only by a

a set, invocatory address, both in the The division of Great Britain into Indian tongue, uttered the final words three realms was prophesied as long that caused the witches and the evil ago as the twelfth century. The proph nes to fold their tents and silently eey is attributed to "Benedictus Abhas:" and the following translation is

> Nothing can reach out further than a ough at church. It may come from the remotest corner in the rear, but its echo tickles the throats of those in front, and then creeps down the aisle and touches the vergers, and floats from the choir to the minister, and never releases its hold until it has wrung a sympathetic explosion from every victim. Perhaps you've noticed it. There is a possibility in England of the imposition of a popular tax, a thing almost unknown. The proposition

foreigners working in England, which

would increase the revenue half a million sterling. The tax would be aimed principally at the Germans, who are coming popular as servants, and The Maine agricultural college has 238 graduates and 103 students this

year. The government endowment fund amounts to \$131,300, ex-Gov. Coburn having increased the fund by ever, the three policemen who had it. One of them announced that she \$100,000. The state appropriations Charles Simon in custody had realized that he was not a burglar and released spring and go to Newport for a long that he was not a burglar and released spring and go to Newport for a long \$27,350. Last year's financial statement shows a heavy loss, resulting from diseased stock.

Queen Christina was recently informed by the Alcalde of Madrid of the baptism of the 1,000th baby called Alfonso since the death of the late King made the baby several handsome presents, including a book with this inscription: "To the 1,000th Alfonso.

reading exhibition in Boston the other care about going in. One of the police-men said that the robbers were killed, assisting was from out of town, and thought mind-reading was the work of At another reception the divorcée evening was a man who evidently "O, yes; he is my divorced husband." When he finally went out the light of "I beg pardon," stammered the victory was in his eyes, and he shouted isitor. "I didn't know. I used to "In hoc signo vinces."

One of the abominable inconsisten-"Yes. I was quite well acquainted cies of the dictionaries, says the editor with him myself once," was the cool of the Louisville Courier-Journal, is the These and a few other contretemps of like kind have assured people that didn't they drop one of the "g's" from entered in triumph, while precisely at the grass widow ought to be retired a egg and make the word eg-nog? Most Devoted as the senatorial families however, as rather weak. Those who

> The remains of a cypress-wood coffin, under the first landing of the stairway behind the southwest pilaster of St Michael's church, Charleston, S. C. "He is struggling toward you," said number two; "but he is not tall enough to be seen yet."
>
> Thursday, by the workmen digging at the foundation. Only one bone was found. It was of a reddish color, and was probably a thigh-bone. On what was the top of the coffin were the ini

> E. G. Spalding, the man who framed the original Legal-Tender act, is still if he is short he makes up for it in the living in Buffalo. He is nearly 80 years and then the Senator said: "The Lower House of Congress. His famous length of my speeches is only exceeded bill, known as the Legal-Tender act, by those of Senator —," mentioning the husband of the number one woman, whose lord is not the most bril- Lincoln. The original bill is now in

"Some years ago I noticed for the first eggs in cold water. It whas better to her position as a candy-seller in a doorway upon a particularly cold street. marked her appearance with a sigh,

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man gore. He awoke with a violent start and for a moment was hardly able to decide whether he was still dreaming or not. Just as he arrived at the satisfactory conclusion that he was thoroughly awake, a tremendous at the satisfactory conclusion that he was thoroughly awake, a tremendous and released on condition that he would at once leave for America, his native land. The Humane society of Pittsburg has employed an attorney to look after Julia Weigley's property and see how it can be secured with a violent and released on condition that he would at once leave for America, his native land. The Humane society of Pittsburg has employed an attorney to look after Julia Weigley's property and see how it can be secured with a violent and released on condition that he would at once leave for America, his native land. The Humane society of Pittsburg has employed an attorney to look after Julia Weigley's property and see how it can be secured.

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